

## EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR 2020 HIKING SCHEDULE

**Rating:** Hikes are rated **A** (easiest) through **E** (most difficult). A '**B-**' hike is easier than a '**B**' hike, whereas '**B+**' is more difficult or is longer than is typical for a hike of that rating. A rating in parentheses [e.g., (**C**)] indicates a hike of uncertain difficulty, and its rating is merely an estimate. Some hikes may have more than one rating, depending on distance traveled and its associated elevation gain (more gain = higher rating).

**Approx. Mileage:** Hike mileage is approximate and usually one-way for out-and-back hikes (return to same TH via the same route...i.e., double the mileage for a round-trip). Mileage followed by an asterisk (\*) indicates the total length of a loop hike (return to same TH via a different route) or a through hike with two different THs, using either a car shuttle or key exchange. On out-and-back hikes you need not go the full distance. You may shorten the hike to whatever distance suits you or however far you can go by the turn-around time.

**Elev. Gain** in 100s of feet [e.g., **24** = 2400'] generally is the net gain from low point to high point, including hikes that lose elevation on the outbound leg [e.g., - **8**] but regain it on the return leg. For hikes with multiple long ascents/descents, **Elev. Gain** reflects gross gain [e.g., 1200-600+1800 = **30** (gross) rather than **24** (net)].

For day hikes, our primary (**1°**) **Meeting Place** is where we meet in or near Glenwood Springs. In-town **Meeting Places** are: **DH**–Dos Hermanos (Hwy 82, S of CMC turnoff); **NN**–No Name (south frontage road, west of I-70 Exit 119); **RF**–Roaring Fork Marketplace (Office Depot); **MM**–Meadows Mall (east of Chili's). For overnight trips, we meet where most of us are staying, unless alternative **Meeting Place(s)** are announced. Out-of-town **Meeting Places** for 2020 are: **PG**–Page, AZ; **TE**–Telluride; **RW**–Ridgway; **ES**–Escalante, UT.

**Depart Time** is when we promptly depart the primary **Meeting Place** listed on the **Hiking Schedule**, not when you arrive at the **Meeting Place**. You should arrive 10-15 min prior to departure to sign in with the recorder, arrange carpools and transfer gear.

For certain hikes, **Secondary (2°) Meeting Places** have been designated to rendezvous with up-valley or down-valley hikers. These **Meeting Places** are listed on the schedule as follows: **CD**–Carbondale City Market, 0:15 after RF Depart Time; **TRR**–Two Rivers Road (Ruedi turnoff), 0:20 after RF Depart Time; **SM**–Old Snowmass (post office or \*park & ride), 0:30 after RF depart time; **NC**–New Castle City Market, 0:10 after MM Depart Time; **RR**–Rifle Rest Area, 0:25 after MM Depart Time; **RC**–Rifle City Market, 0:30 after MM Depart Time. Other secondary meeting places may be identified and announced from time to time, as appropriate.

**Fuel\$** indicates the suggested per passenger contribution to the driver based on driving mileage and current fuel prices using an initial estimate of \$3.00/gallon. Periodic adjustments (up or down) may be necessary to reflect fluctuating fuel prices, which will be announced in advance or at the **Meeting Place** prior to departure. Due to lower fuel efficiency typical of 4WD vehicles, a 25% surcharge is applied for any hike requiring 4WD. An additional contribution for a car wash is recommended in case of muddy/dusty roads. For overnight trips, an appropriate allocation of expenses for the trip should be arranged between passenger(s) and their driver.

**4WD:** An '**X**' in this column indicates that 4WD and/or high ground-clearance vehicles are necessary to reach the TH. If you own such a vehicle, please be prepared to drive on those days. An '**X**' in parentheses [i.e., (**X**)] indicates that road conditions are uncertain or may vary with the weather (e.g., muddy/slick after rain or snow).

**On All Hikes:** Bring lunch, adequate water, rain gear, and sun protection. In spring and fall, as well as on high-altitude hikes, be prepared for snowy or muddy trails. Bring hat, gloves, windbreaker, and warm layers.

**Hunting Seasons** that occur during our 2020 schedule include **archery** (9/2–9/30), **muzzleloader** (9/12–20), and **rifle** (moose 10/1–10/14; elk-only 10/10–14; and combined deer/elk 10/24–11/1). Hunting seasons also are shown on our **Hiking Calendar**. For your safety, wear bright orange or red on those days.

**Cancellations or other changes:** If a hike is canceled or changed for any reason, you will be notified by email at least one hour prior to **Depart Time**. Contact Gerry Roehm at [mungo69@comcast.net](mailto:mungo69@comcast.net) to join his email list. If you are uncertain as to the status of a hike, call the **Hike Leader** or Gerry Roehm **(303) 807-8535**. In the event a Wednesday day hike is canceled, it normally will be rescheduled one week later, weather permitting.